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MEMORANDUM TO: All EIC Members

FROM : Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : EIC Coordination of Intelligence Research on the ChiCom Economy

1. As a part of the general program of the EIC to strengthen the economic intelligence effort on Communist China it is essential that steps be taken to coordinate the research activities of all the IAC and other agencies to ensure that (a) research be appropriately distributed among the various relevant sectors of the ChiCom economy with conscious reference to their relative priorities, (b) that duplication of effort be reduced to a minimum, and (c) that the IAC members be delegated responsibility for specific aspects of the economy in accordance with their unique capabilities.

2. To secure this coordination of research effort, an ad hoc EIC Coordinating Group is appointed, composed of a representative from each IAC agency who is well-informed on the nature and status of research on the ChiCom economy in his agency.

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3. To implement the coordination program, the Coordinating Group initially will institute a survey of the potential of the IAC agencies for dealing with specific sectors of the ChiCom economy. The survey, similar to but far more detailed than that conducted by [] on the "Adequacy of Intelligence Research Relating to the ChiCom Economy" (19 May 1952), should be organized in accordance with an outline in which the entire economy is divided into a number of major sectors. (Such an outline is attached for consideration by the Committee upon its activation.)

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4. The survey should involve a written contribution by each IAC member indicating as follows:

a. Personnel statement: names, backgrounds (general economist, engineer, historian, etc.), assignments and approximate amount of time devoted to research on China.

b. Nature of the research on the ChiCom economy conducted by the agency on a continuing basis and the scope of materials and files it maintains.

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c. List of projects completed during the past year, in progress, and planned.

5. The Group need hold only one or two meetings at which the survey can be explained and formally initiated. The survey should then be continued as a series of bilateral discussions conducted by the Chairman or Secretary, during which one of them would undertake to meet each key Far East economic specialist in each agency. The personal contact would facilitate appraisal of each agency's potential and would be an important supplement to the written statements.

6. Upon completion of the survey (not later than 14 November 1952), the Group should again meet to discuss remedies for gaps and deficiencies developed and to recommend an allocation of research responsibilities.

/s/

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Provisional Outline for
Inventory of Research on
The Economy of Communist China

. Economic Organization and Administration

A. Economic Planning

1. Present plans
2. Preparation of the plans
3. Control of plan fulfillment

B. Administrative Control of Industry

C. Present Effectiveness of Control and Prospects for the Immediate Future

. Economic Aggregates

A. Gross National Product Distributed by Type of Industry

B. Size and Breakdown of the National Government Budget

C. Financial Statistics

1. Price indices and the level of price

. Financial and Fiscal System

A. Brief Description of Nature and Function

. Trade

A. External Trade

1. Imports
2. Exports

B. Internal Trade

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Human Resources

A. Size and Geographical Distribution of the Population

B. Occupied Population

1. Geographical Distribution

2. Occupational Distribution

3. Industrial Distribution

C. Scientific, Technical and Other Specialized Training

Agriculture (including agricultural processing)

A. Brief Description of the Nature and Uses of the Principal Products

B. Amounts Produced

C. Principal Locations of the Production

D. Amounts Consumed Internally; Amounts Exported

Economic Services

A. Transportation

1. Brief description of existing facilities

2. Capacity of existing facilities

3. Construction of additional facilities

B. Communications

1. Brief description of existing facilities

2. Construction of additional facilities

C. Electric Power

1. Brief description of existing facilities

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C. Electric Power (Continued)

2. Capacity of existing facilities
3. Construction of additional facilities

. Mineral Mining, Extraction, and Processing

- A. Size and Location of Mineral Reserves; Extent and Adequacy of Surveys
- B. Types and Amounts of Principal Products
- C. Locations of Principal Mines and Processing Plants
- D. Amounts Imported; Amounts Exported

. Manufacturing

- A. Consumers Goods
- B. Chemicals
- C. Engineering Industries (including military end-items)

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